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Meeting Notice

Date: April 15 2005
Place: MDPA Clubhouse
Dinner: 6:30PM
Program: 7:00PM

Board Meeting: April 13 2005
Next Meeting: May 20 2005



The Airport advisory committee meets on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:30 PM at the airport managers office.

If you're not currently a member ...

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President's Message

Last month we talked about our personal proficiency. This month let's talk about our planes. I was traveling from Tahoe to Concord awhile back, and I heard a high pitched howl coming from the engine compartment. Night, over mountains, maybe that twin isn't such a bad idea! Anyway, I got the plane home without incident and it turns out that my vacuum pump was about to bite the dust. Now there was no indication of a problem from the gauges, nor was anything operating in an erratic fashion, but the plane was talking to me none the less.

Now we can argue the relative safety of twins verses singles till the cows come home. I'll let Richard Collins do that in his annual article on the subject in Flying; he has all the stats and does a great job. But when it comes to our planes and their ability to perform as advertised in the POH, we need the services of proficient mechanics (of which we are blessed to have at Concord!) and almost as important, we must listen to our planes when they start talking to us.

I can think of a few times something was just not the same and I ignored it, only to find later that I had dodged a bullet. Those are the lucky learning experiences we all get, when we make it out unscathed but could have just as easily had things go in the dumper. And the one thing that makes

our planes hum is maintenance and use. Don't skimp on the maintenance and get out there and fly!

What a great segway into my next topic, of course, flying! We've been giving everyone reminders on upcoming trips and now the season begins. We still have a couple of rooms left at Surprise Valley. It's a great overnight trip, and if you want to make some points with your significant other, this is the place to go! Full time running hot tub, with natural hot spring water piped right in. No smell of chlorine, just the beautiful views of the mountains and the moon! They even have a licensed masseuse on board. What a deal! That's the night of April 16th.

I also need to know whose going on the trip to British Columbia so I can get the rooms. There will be an announcement elsewhere in the newsletter, but the time to decide is now!

Another nice way to start the month is at our first Saturday breakfast and antique display. Last month we had pancakes, eggs and flying pig. What's a flying pig? Well! Kathy and I have friends who get a pig slaughtered every year. They have no freezer and he shouldn't eat pork for dietary reasons, high cholesterol or something like that. Kathy and I, on the other hand, have a huge freezer, no dietary restrictions, and healthy appetites (me anyway!). What a combination! Who knew! So we keep the pig, eat on it through the year and occasionally they come and get some pork to eat. They

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don't tell his doctor, though! One of the cuts that this butcher specializes in is sausage. So I bring some sausage, when I can find it in the freezer, and cook it with the breakfast. It is the best sausage I have ever tasted. Now, I am not a sausage aficionado, and I am doing the cooking, so there is some built in bias, but everyone agrees that it's pretty darn good! I think I still have a pack or two to bring; I have to look in the freezer. You'll have to come and find out!

On another note, PSA is going to host the dinner this month, and what a feast it's going to be! This will be a definite "must attend" event! They will be talking about it for years! I heard rumors of dancing girls, gambling, a no host bar, prizes, whew, what a night! It's so big they're going to house it in the hanger at PSA.

So there's plenty to do and great people to do it with. See you at the dinner!
Richard.

Upcoming Trips

Here's a quick summary of the MDPA flying trips planned for the next few months. All these trips require advance reservations so please send me (Bill) an email or give a phone call (information below) and let us know if you want to participate. In some cases, space is limited so it's first-come first-served.

April 16-17 . Surprise Valley Hotsprings. They have 10 rooms available with personal spas but based on previous trips these will go fast (Only 4 left). Call the Hotsprings and Book your room and Massages before March 25th. Fly in to Cedarville Saturday afternoon where a car will await you. Pick up supplies in town and then head to the resort for a welcome cocktail party. Then back to town for dinner. Afterwards, view the stars from your own private spa fed by natural artesian hot springs. See the <http://www.svhotsprings.com>, web site for photos and details or call 1-877-WARM-H2O or email to WarmH2O@hdo.net

May 26 - June 1 Baja Mexico Trip. We'll meet and overnight in Imperial, California the evening of the 26th then hop across the border on the 27th and spend the night in Mulege. Then on to Bill & Suzie's place in La Paz for the 28th and 29th There will be one or two stops on the way back re-entering the US on May 31st or June 1st . Book your reservations now so that we can make all the necessary arrangements.

June 20 - 27 Richard Roberts' British Columbia Extravaganza. Richard plans for everyone to meet at an airport in central Washington on Monday morning to fly across the border to Kelowna and then on to <http://www.imagehouse.com/tsuniah/Tsuniah Lake Lodge> for 3 or 4 nights of fishing, horseback riding, boating etc. This is trout season and we're talking 30 pounders. Let us know if you are coming so Richard can make all the necessary arrangements. That's it for now. Hope to hear from you soon
Bill



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March 5th Cirrus Mobil Showroom will be available between 10am and 3pm. Don't miss this opportunity. And some services we offer:

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To Spin or Not To

Sterling Flight to Hold Unusual Attitude Seminars in April

Spinning... just how has your flight training for the possibility that you may have to recover from an unexpected unusual attitude or flight condition?

What about ... a wake turbulence induced un-usual attitude?

How about ... jammed control surfaces?

Can you ... with confidence control your aircraft in extreme attitudes or situations?

Do you have the skill to roll your aircraft upright after a low altitude departure from upright flight?

If you ... have questions or concerns about the above scenarios, perhaps it is time for you to acquire additional training in extreme maneuvers and emergency maneuver training.

Beginning the third week of April, Sterling Flight's Mark Angelos will be conducting a series of ground seminars on the basics of extreme aircraft control, followed by appointments to have Introduction to Aerobatic Flight and Emergency Maneuver flight training. Look for the sign up list posted at Sterling or call Sterling at 925-676-2100 or Mark Angelos at 925-880-5933.

Ye Olde English Pub is the place
Where we want you to show your face

Third Friday in April is the date
There will be much to do, so don't be late

Darts and poker, shepherds pie and beer
Roulette & foosball will make you cheer

So bring your money and have some fun
PFA & crew will get the job done!

We have heard, and we hope it's no trick
Dessert will be Brian Embom's famous
"Spotted Dick"!



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March 2005 Dinner



A Man who puts Ketchup on Great Corned Beef

Tracy, Bridget and Evangeline Peters with supporting help from Pat Miller made an incredible St. Patrick's Day feast! Tracy's dad, Pat was sick so he convalesced at home for the evening.

We had the required corned beef and cabbage along with potatoes, carrots and parsnips, all done to perfection. Tracy also made a chicken dish with rice for those who didn't really like corned beef, although, based upon the plates I saw, everyone loved everything! Then we had berry pie with ice cream. I was stuffed!

You may recall that Norm Brudigam was going to donate a folding bicycle for the raffle, but it got bought

out from under us. So Norm brought a 24 pack of Beck's beer instead. He had to go because he had something going on and couldn't get out of it, what a guy! John Potter was the lucky winner, and offered to share his beer with anyone who wanted one. What another guy!

Kathy had made Irish blessing cards that we spread all over the tables and they were a real hit.

Maureen Bell was pleased that we were finally getting a little classier with at least some decorations on the tables. Hey Maureen, what about all the Christmas lights, they're pretty festive, aren't they?



One of the most exciting things that happened was that Bev Levy volunteered to make desserts for all the dinners for the rest of the year! She got a new commercial grade Kitchen-Aid mixer and is just itching to use it. Well, I assured her that she could use it on us any time! I think she's on tap for some chocolate moose (mousse?) for next month, along with the spotted dick, of course!

Lots of folks helped to clean up and the bottom line.. After expenses we cleared \$150.00 or so. So there we have it, a great meal, lots of fun for everyone and another St. Patten's day celebration for the history books.

See you next month at PSA's hangar for English pub night.

APRIL IS ENGLISH PUB MONTH

The April 15th membership dinner will be something special this month. Maureen Bell and the staff of PSA are organizing the dinner with an English Pub theme. Due to the large number of people expected, the dinner will be held at PSA in their maintenance hangar.

The evening will start at 6 pm with drinks (courtesy of bartender Tracy Peters) and games including English darts, roulette, craps and black jack. Then at 7 pm a fabulous English dinner including Shepard's Pie, Bangers & Mash, Brian Enbom's Famous Spotted Dick and Berry Cogniac Trifle will be served. If this isn't enough, there will be a special British quiz and prizes for all the winners!

So on April 15th, mail those tax returns and then head directly over to PSA to celebrate!! In the meantime, limber up that dart throwing arm and let us know if you're coming so we can lay in the requisite supplies.

Please RSVP with name and number attending to dinners@mdpa.org or call Maureen at PSA at 925-685-4400.



British Columbia:

Hey guys,

I need to know who is going to British Columbia this summer. The dates are going to be June 20th through the 27th. We enter Canada on Monday the 20th and tour around until the 24th. I have 2 cabins at Tsuniah Lake Lodge, each with 2 bedrooms, a sitting room and bathroom, for the nights of 24, 25 and 26. The web site is at <http://imagehouse.com/tsuniah>. Then it's back to the US on Monday the 27th, and a dash home. If we need more than 2 cabins, I can get them now, I think, but they're going fast. This is the height of the lake trout season, which starts June 1st. They're still pretty hungry in June! So we're going to have a great adventure, lots of great flying and fun, but I need to know by next Friday, April 8th for the count. Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks. Richard.



Flying Companion Seminar

Dear Members,

This is a chance for your reluctant companions to learn about airplanes and flying in the company of women who have been there. The San Joaquin Valley Ninety Nines is hosting the Flying Companion Seminar on Saturday, May 21, 2005, at Ahart Aviation, located at 186 Airway Blvd. at the Livermore Airport. It will be an all-day event, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

There will be a mid-morning snack, a great lunch, an afternoon snack, a lot to learn about flying, and lots of fun. To register you need to call Deb Travaille at 209-588-7527 or Andy McCarthy at 925-606-5508. The donation is \$45.00 for the seminar, a book about what is covered, and the food.

Call me if you have any questions or if you need a ride at 510-548-2264.

George Ann Garms

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MDPA English Pub Night
Friday, April 15th, 2005, 6 pm
Pacific States Aviation Hangar

Shepard's Pie & Veg
Bangers & Mash
Brian Enbom's Spotted Dick
Berry Cogniac Trifle

Pure indulgence!

To help you get ready for the April dinner - check out the following:

- What game are you playing when you play "301"?
- How does James Bond like his martinis served?
- Who was the only husband Liz Taylor did not divorce?
- How many of Henry VIII's wives were beheaded?
- What ingredient gives beer its bitter taste?

Get the answers and have fun at "Ye Olde English Pub" on April 15th.

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